

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4-8 and 11-15 are all the claims pending in the application. In response to the Office Action Applicant respectfully submits that the claims define patentable subject matter.

I. Overview of the Office Action

Claims 1, 4, 6-8, 11 and 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Olkkonen et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0088980, hereafter "Oikkonen) in view of Rune et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,901,057, hereafter "Rune"). Claims 5 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Olkkonen in view Rune and further in view of Muthuswamy et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0204151, hereafter "Muthuswamy"). Applicant respectfully traverses the prior art rejections.

In the Amendment filed on April 27, 2007, Applicant submitted that there was no teaching or suggestion in Olkkonen or any of the cited references of the feature "a control unit for providing, through the user interface, information on the peripheral devices connectable to a wireless communication device, and, if said at least one desired device is selected through the user interface, establishing a connection to only said at least one desired device, and not attempting a connection to undesired devices."

In response the Examiner asserts:

Olkkonen teaches a control unit for providing (it is inherent that the wireless device 100 is included a controller for controlling all the elements and the application program of the device 100, such as keypad or display), through the user interface (display 212), information on the peripheral devices (telephone,

printer, fax) connectable to a wireless communication device, and if said at least one desired device is selected through the user device, out of the peripheral devices (see figure 1, [0123-0140]), and not attempting a connection to undesired devices (it is clearly seen in figure 1, if the user want (sic) to select a printer or fax in the ad hoc network. The user can select step b in the sub menu, for example, if the user want (sic) to fax some document from the document from the device 100, the use (sic) can only select the fax machine in the ad hoc network and the device 100 only communicated with the fax machine in the ad hoc network to send the data at that time, and not to connect to other devices in the ad hoc network, [00094]).²

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's position. Olkkonen discloses that a user's inquiry device 100 constructs an inquiry response table 710 with information in inquiry response packets received from responding devices (paragraph [0152]). The response table 710 shows the essential information gathered by a link controller in the user's inquiring device which is required to make a connection with any of the responding wireless devices (paragraph [0152]). This clearly indicates that the inquiring device may be connected to any responding device, even undesired devices. This clearly contradicts with the independent claim 1 and analogous independent claims 8 and 15.

Additionally, Olkkonen discloses that the user may be connected to any device in a class such as fax machines, printers, and copiers. Accordingly, if the user selects the class "printers" the user can be connected to all of the available printers, even printers that the user does not desire to use. This further distinguishes the claimed invention from Olkkonen.

Further, Rune and Muthuswamy do not cure the deficiencies of Olkkonen.

² Page 3 of the Office Action dated July 10, 2007.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 and analogous claims 8 and 15 should be allowable, because the cited references do not teach or suggest all of the features of the claims. Claims 4-7, 11-14 should also be allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on independent claims 1 and 8.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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